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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION & ATHLETICS

1975-76 SUMMARY

The Concordia University Department of Physical Education and Athletics experienced a banner year during 1975-76, the department's initial year of operation, since the merger of the Loyola and Sir George Campuses. All areas of the programme were expanded and opened to students, faculty and staff of both campuses. Under the direction of Dr. E.F. Enos, the Department endeavoured to offer the best possible programme, to the greatest number of people.

The first order of business for the new department was to find a moniker to replace the Warriors and Georgians. A student-staff committee was organized and the name "Stingers" selected from over 150 suggestions.

The intercollegiate teams continued in the footsteps of its predecessors, by capturing five league titles. The most successful was the men's Varsity Hockey squad, which advanced to the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union National semi-finals, dropping a 3-2 overtime heartbreaker to the Toronto Varsity Blues. Nearly 1,000 students travelled to Toronto to support the Stingers in a special chartered train, sponsored by the Student Association and the Athletic Department.

Coach Paul Arsenault's squad set a new C.I.A.U. record for most wins in a season, amassing a 43-3-1 overall mark, and was ranked the number One college hockey team in Canada for over two months. Jim Corsi was selected as the All-Canadian goaltender, as well as the College Player-of-the-year. Team-mates Don Morris and Mark Schewchuk were named All-Canadian honourable mention, while Arsenault was selected "Canadian Coach of the Year" for the second time in five years.

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The Junior Varsity Hockey squad also enjoyed a successful season, capturing the Western Hockey League playoffs. The J.V.'s downed the regular season Champion Distasio squad in the playoff finals.

And the Women's Ice Hockey team finished first in the Montreal Women's Ice Hockey League, before bowing to the McGill Super Squaws in the final playoff round.

The Soccer team, guided by Harry Hus, went undefeated in league play and advanced to the C.I.A.U. National finals in Victoria, B.C. for the third consecutive season. However, ultimate victory was denied as they dropped a 2-1 decision to the University of Victoria.

The Varsity Basketball Team captured the league title and placed sixth in the National Championships in Halifax. Doug Daigneault's squad placed four players on the all-league team (Ron Puskarich, John Erglis, John Dore and Bob Brix) and Puskarich was picked for the All-Canadian second team.

Both the Varsity Football and Women's Basketball teams reached the league playoffs before bowing out in the opening rounds. John Montelapare, Bernie Muldoon, Elaine Betchinski and Paddie Chiari, all received All-Star Honours.

The Minor sports programme received a much needed shot in the arm under the leadership of George Short, Assistant Athletic Director. Short expanded the schedules and practice time of each sport, as well as adding track and field to the programme. In addition, plans are being made for the First Concordia International Invitation Soccer Tournament for the 1976 season, as well as the addition of a junior varsity soccer team.

With the merger of the two campuses, the intramural programme was revamped to serve the athletic and recreational needs of all students. Under the direction of Bob Philip, the entire programme was divided into four categories, competitive men, competitive women, co-ed instructional and recreational clubs. A total of 49